

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A process, comprising the steps of:
establishing a set of one or more printer driver preferences at a first client
computer for sending a print job to a first output device;
sending said set of said one or more said printer driver preferences from said
first client computer to a second client computer; and
10 using said set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said
second client computer to send a second print job to said first output device.
 2. The process of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:
modifying said one or more of said printer driver preferences within said sent
set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client
computer.
 3. The process of Claim 2, wherein said step of modifying said one or more of
said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer
driver preferences at said second client computer is performed automatically.
 - 20 4. The process of Claim 2, wherein said step of modifying said one or more of
said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer
driver preferences at said second client computer is performed through interaction
with a client user at said second client computer.
 - 25 5. The process of Claim 1, wherein said output device is a printer.
 6. A process, comprising the steps of:
establishing a set of one or more printer driver preferences at a first computer
for sending a print job to a first output device having a first feature set;
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5 sending said set of said one or more said printer driver preferences from said first client computer to a second client computer; and

10 using said set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client computer to send a second print job to a second output device having a second feature set.

15 7. The process of Claim 6, further comprising the step of:

20 modifying said one or more of said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client computer, before sending said second print job to said second output device.

25 8. The process of Claim 7, wherein said step of modifying said one or more of said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client computer is performed automatically.

30 9. The process of Claim 7, wherein said step of modifying said one or more of said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client computer is performed through interaction with a client user at said second client computer.

10. The process of Claim 7, wherein said step of modifying said one or more of said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client computer includes keyword matching between said first feature set and said second feature set.

11. The process of Claim 7, wherein said step of modifying said one or more of said printer driver preferences within said sent set of said one or more said printer driver preferences at said second client computer includes resolution of conflicts between said first feature set and said second feature set.

12. The process of Claim 6, wherein said output device is a printer.

13. The process of Claim 6, wherein said second feature set of said second output device is different from said first feature set of said first output device.

14. A printer driver system, comprising:

one or more printing devices, each of said printing devices having a set of one or more features;

a plurality of client computers networked to one or more of said one or more output printing devices, each of said client computers capable of sending print jobs to any of said one or more printing devices, at least one of said plurality of client computers capable of constructing one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences, and for modifying said one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences to print jobs at said any of said one or more output printing devices; and

means for transferring said one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences between said client computers.

15. The printer driver system of Claim 14, further comprising:

a print server having storage located between said client computers and at least one of said printing device, and wherein said means for transferring said one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences between said client computers includes the transfer of said one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences from said client computers to said storage within said print server, and retrieval of said stored said one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences at other of said client computers.

16. The printer driver system of Claim 14, wherein said at least one of said plurality of client computers capable of constructing and modifying said one or more sets of one or more printer driver preferences is also capable of constructing a merged set of printer driver preferences based upon selected preferences of previously defined sets of one or more printer driver preferences.

17. The printer driver system of Claim 14, wherein said modification of said one or more sets of said printer driver preferences is performed automatically.

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20. The printer driver system of Claim 14, wherein said modification of said one or more sets of said printer driver preferences provides resolution of conflicts between said sets of one or more of said features.